

# 2012 Military Health System CONFERENCE



## AGAP: Asthma Group Appointment Project

Bridging 'a gap' in the Care of the Asthmatic Child

The MHS: Healthcare to Health

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## AGAP: Asthma Grp Appt Project

- Outline
  - ‘A gap’
  - Group Appointments
  - Output vs Outcome
  - Future



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- There exists 'a gap' in what we are doing and should be doing with asthmatics
  - 2007 Asthma Guidelines (EPR-3)
    - Assess control
    - Educate families
    - Adjust therapies stepwise
  - DoD Instructions 1315.19 EFMP/SNIAC
    - Identify & enroll family members w/special needs

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- Group Appointments fills this gap
  - Coordination
    - Time of appt, intake, length, use of humor
  - Collaboration
    - Nurses/GPM/coders/leadership/PFT lab/pharmacy
  - No excuses
    - Offered 2 times per week then monthly

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- Output vs Outcomes
  - Output
    - 94 patients over 2 months
  - Outcomes
    - Improves asthma control
    - Enrolled in EFMP
    - PFT/allergy testing/written asthma plan
    - 28% drop in ER/40% drop in clinic visits for acute asthma issues

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- Future
  - Spread to other facilities
  - Expand to other chronic conditions